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Proceedings of an Extraordinary Meeting of the Council of His Highness the Maharaja, held in the Palace, Mysore, on the 14th day of August 1902.

The Council met at 12-30 P.M.

His Highness the Maharaja presided.

The Dewan and both the Councillors were present.

His Highness the Maharaja addressed the Council as follows :—

“Dewan Sahib and Councillors,

“Our business today is purely formal and will not detain us long. My object in calling this extraordinary meeting is twofold. In the first place, I desired that no time should be lost in the new administration giving tangible evidence of its existence, and in the second, I wished to take the earliest opportunity of meeting my Dewan and Councillors face to face in their corporate capacity.

“We are once again in Mysore at the beginning of a new experiment. Whether that experiment is a success or the reverse will depend greatly on you. Of your devotion to myself personally, I am well aware. In your devotion to the interests of the State, I have full confidence. No human institution can be perfect and the new scheme of administration will no doubt disclose defects of one kind and another. As the fruit of the labours of my Dewan aided by the advice of my good friend the Resident, I myself hope and expect much from it, and it is my earnest desire that it should succeed. This object can only be attained, however, by single-hearted and unselfish co-operation between each and all the Members of the Council. It cannot be expected that you will always agree with one another or that I shall always agree with you. It may be that at times you may feel some soreness individually or even collectively at being overruled. At such times I ask you to give credit to those who disagree with you for being actuated by the same sense of public duty as yourselves, and to reflect that, in giving your honest opinion and urging it to the utmost of your power, you have done your duty and retained your self-respect. I ask you to banish any sense of resentment and to address yourselves to the next question before you with undiminished courage and good will.

“If this is the spirit that animates our labours, I can, relying on your mature experience and proved abilities, look forward with confidence to the future. In conclusion, I desire to assure you collectively of my loyal support, and individually of my unfailing sympathy and consideration. May Heaven guide us always, to the lasting good of my dear people.”

The Dewan thanked the Maharaja for the encouraging assurances of support and sympathy, and said that he felt assured of the hearty co-operation of the Councillors, and hoped that His Highness' administration may prove an unqualified success, and be productive of lasting happiness to his subjects.

By Order,

H. V. NANJUNDAYYA,
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